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25X1 1. [   ] Maury and [   ] met with Ed Braswell, Chief   25X1A
Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee. Maury briefed him on the
facts concerning the possible leak of information in Joe Alsop's article
entitled "Russia's 'Go' or 'No Go' Decision" and said he was on his way to
see Senator Nunn. We hope to be able to respond to Nunn's letter to the
Director with an oral briefing instead of a written response.

Braswell said Senator Harry Byrd (I., Va.) was concerned and
perhaps confused about the second Soviet aircraft carrier being built at
Nikolayev as the result of an article by William Beecher in this morning's
New York Times. Braswell said Byrd is thinking about making some state-
ments on the floor about this but wants to get the facts first. Braswell
asked for a rundown on this second ship and any commentary we might have
on the Beecher column.

Braswell was briefed on the letter we had received from Senator
James Abourezk (D., S. Dak.) on Air America and other air operations
in Southeast Asia. We told him we had tried to handle this with Abourezk
orally but he has asked for a letter and our inclination is to send him a letter
which contains no sensitive substantive information.

25X1 2. [   ] I advised Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations
Committee staff, of our discussion with Senator Jackson about the handling
of Senate Foreign Relations Committee's ITT inquiry and told him that
Jackson had been in touch with Senator McClellan and we expect the Director
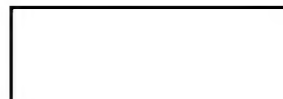will be meeting with McClellan in the near future.

Woodruff said he thought he and Guy McConnell could arrange things
25X1A to meet with [   ] and [   ] and asked me to come up with   25X1A
some suggested dates.

Woodruff also said he thought he and McConnell could adjust their
schedules to fit Ralph Preston's, House Appropriations Committee staff,
convenience in coming out to the Agency for a prebriefing session on the
budget.

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